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Gun linked to Wilson used in assassination

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A former Green Beret yesterday pleaded guilty to illegal transportation of four handguns across state lines, saying he acted at the direction of Edwin P. Wilson, who is now under arrest on charges of supplying illegal explosives and terrorist training to the Libyan government.

One of the guns former Special Services Sgt. Wallace Lloyd Klink admitted carrying from North Carolina to Virginia was a .357 Smith & Wesson that a Libyan terrorist later used in an assassination in West Germany, officials said.

After pleading guilty before U.S. District Judge Albert Bryan in Alexandria, Klink, 59, of Bealeton, Va., was freed under a \$1,000 bond pending sentencing Sept. 3. He could receive up to five years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

Wilson, a former CIA agent who fled the country after the charges were filed, was lured back recently on a pretext and now is being held at an undisclosed location under a \$20 million bond.

More recently, a federal grand jury in Houston, Texas, indicted Wilson and two alleged confederates on charges of conspiring to ship 40,000 pounds of illegal plastic explosive to Libya in 1977.

Klink once was employed by Wilson to train Libyan troops. He later lived on Wilson's farm in Upperville, Va., and repaired machinery.

Government attorneys told Bryan they could prove Wilson instructed Klink in a telephone call from abroad in late March 1979 to obtain four revolvers of .38 caliber and .357 caliber and issued him \$1,500 to buy them from former associates in Fayetteville, N.C.

Klink brought the guns back to the

farm and then, on further instructions from Wilson, gave them to an unnamed Wilson associate who flew with them to Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and then drove with them to Bonn, West Germany, the government attorneys said.

On May 10, 1980, Bashir Ehmida, a Libyan, used the Smith & Wesson to assassinate Omran el-Mehdwi, who had served for eight years as finance attache and second secretary at the Libyan embassy in Bonn, the attorneys said.

Klink admitted the bulk of the government's charges but denied he knew the guns were destined for overseas use. He also denied another government charge that he told his Fayetteville associates that the guns were for a CIA operation.

Michael J. Bregman, agent in charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms district office in Falls Church Va., said his and other federal agencies are continuing an investigation of Wilson's alleged illegal activities.

The investigation is being coordinated by Mark Richard, a deputy assistant attorney general, and E. Lawrence Barcella, an assistant U.S. attorney in Washington, Bregman said.

Bregman declined to reveal how investigators linked the assassination weapon in Bonn to Klink's venture in North Carolina and Virginia, and obtained information about Wilson's role.

Wilson's attorney, Herald Price Fahringer, told reporters after a hearing in U.S. District Court in Washington last week that if Wilson is brought to trial it will be necessary to disclose "sensitive information" as part of the defense testimony.

This will "shake the CIA to its foundations," Fahringer said.